

ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
OF THE  
TOWN OF HAMILTON,  
FOR THE  
Year ending March, 1881.

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# REPORT.

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The School Committee having the supervision of the schools for the year ending March, 1881, present the following Report :—

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| The amount appropriated by the Town for the support of schools at the annual meeting in March, 1880, was.... |            | \$ 800 00  |
| Amount received from Mass. School Fund,.....                                                                 | 210 34     |            |
| Dog licenses,.....                                                                                           | 66 99      |            |
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| Amount to be expended, .....                                                                                 | \$1,077 33 |            |
| Paid teachers of Summer schools,.....                                                                        | \$520 00   |            |
| Paid teachers of Winter schools,.....                                                                        | 468 00     |            |
| Paid for building fires,.....                                                                                | 20 00      |            |
| Allowed for fuel,.....                                                                                       | 62 00      |            |
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| Amount expended,....                                                                                         |            | \$1,070 00 |
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| Amount unexpended,....                                                                                       |            | \$ 7 33    |

## NORTH SCHOOL.

Summer Term—Teacher, Miss JENNIE A. BROWN.

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|---------------------------------------------|------|
| Length of term in months, .....             | 5    |
| Wages of teacher per month, ....            | \$26 |
| Whole number of pupils,.....                | 19   |
| Average attendance,.....                    | 13   |
| Number of pupils under 5 years of age,..... | 1    |
| Number over 15 years of age, .....          | 1    |
| Number between 8 and 14 years of age.....   | 17   |

Present every day—Joseph Dane, Nellie F. Andrews.

Winter Term—Teacher, Miss JENNIE A. BROWN.

|                                                  |       |
|--------------------------------------------------|-------|
| Length of term in months, . . . . .              | 3 1-4 |
| Wages of teacher per month, . . . . .            | \$36  |
| Whole number of pupils, . . . . .                | 21    |
| Average attendance, . . . . .                    | 14    |
| Number of pupils under 5 years of age, . . . . . | 0     |
| Number over 15 years of age, . . . . .           | 3     |
| Number between 8 and 14 years of age, . . . . .  | 18    |

Present every day—Frank Dane, Joseph Dane, Ruth A. Andrews.

### SOUTH SCHOOL.

Summer Term—Teacher, Miss SOPHIA F. LOVERING.

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|--------------------------------------------------|------|
| Length of term in months, . . . . .              | 5    |
| Wages of teacher per month, . . . . .            | \$26 |
| Whole number of pupils, . . . . .                | 27   |
| Average attendance, . . . . .                    | 21   |
| Number of pupils under 5 years of age, . . . . . | 0    |
| Number over 15 years of age, . . . . .           | 1    |
| Number between 8 and 14 years of age, . . . . .  | 17   |

Present every day—Hattie Allen.

Winter Term—Teacher, Miss SOPHIA F. LOVERING.

|                                                  |       |
|--------------------------------------------------|-------|
| Length of term in months, . . . . .              | 3 1-4 |
| Wages of teacher per month, . . . . .            | \$36  |
| Whole number of pupils, . . . . .                | 21    |
| Average attendance, . . . . .                    | 17    |
| Number of pupils under 5 years of age, . . . . . | 0     |
| Number over 15 years of age, . . . . .           | 5     |
| Number between 8 and 14 years of age, . . . . .  | 11    |

Present every day—Charles R. Holmes, Mary Riley.

## EAST SCHOOL.

Summer Term—Teacher, Miss LAURA S. WOODBURY.

|                                              |      |
|----------------------------------------------|------|
| Length of term in months, .....              | 5    |
| Wages of teacher per month, .....            | \$26 |
| Whole number of pupils, .....                | 23   |
| Average attendance, .....                    | 20   |
| Number of pupils under 5 years of age, ..... | 1    |
| Number over 15 years of age, .....           | 4    |
| Number between 8 and 14 years of age, ..     | 15   |

Present every day—Clarence Knowlton.

Winter Term—Teacher, Miss LAURA S. WOODBURY.

|                                              |       |
|----------------------------------------------|-------|
| Length of term in months, .....              | 3 1-4 |
| Wages of teacher per month, .....            | \$36  |
| Whole number of pupils, ....                 | 27    |
| Average attendance, .....                    | 21    |
| Number of pupils under 5 years of age, ..... | 0     |
| Number over 15 years of age, ....            | 5     |
| Number between 8 and 14 years of age, .....  | 17    |

Present every day—Fannie Knowlton, Wilmont Butler,  
George Day.

## WEST SCHOOL.

Summer Term—Teacher, Miss ADDIE DODGE.

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|----------------------------------------------|------|
| Length of term in months, .....              | 5    |
| Wages of teacher per month, ..               | \$26 |
| Whole number of pupils, .....                | 21   |
| Average attendance, .....                    | 13   |
| Number of pupils under 5 years of age, ..... | 0    |
| Number over 15 years of age, .....           | 0    |
| Number between 8 and 14 years of age, .....  | 8    |

Winter Term—Teacher, Miss ADDIE DODGE.

|                                   |       |
|-----------------------------------|-------|
| Length of term in months, .....   | 3 1-4 |
| Wages of teacher per month, ..... | \$36  |

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|--------------------------------------------------|----|
| Whole number of pupils, . . . . .                | 17 |
| Average attendance, . . . . .                    | 9  |
| Number of pupils under 5 years of age, . . . . . | 0  |
| Number over 15 years of age, . . . . .           | 0  |
| Number between 8 and 14 years of age, . . . . .  | 12 |

The past year the schools have been in charge of competent and experienced teachers, who were willing to use every effort for the advancement of the schools. And the Committee feel that commendable advancement has been made in all of the schools. The past winter has been extremely unfavorable for the constant attendance of the younger members, but some of them have been so anxious to attend that their parents permitted them to go when the weather was intensely cold and the roads almost impassable. No complaint has been made to the Committee during the year by parents or teachers, and as far as the Committee can learn general satisfaction has been felt as to the condition and progress of the public schools. "Whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap," applies as well to the department of education as it does to the physical or moral condition of life. School education is designed to educate the mind for practical duties of life, and a thorough training of the young mind will insure success in every department of life, when other conditions are favorable.

For the first time in the history of our schools, to our knowledge, have female teachers been employed during the entire year that are residents of our town. If resident teachers are well qualified for instructors in our schools, we think that it is wise to employ them in preference to others. Teachers should not be satisfied with their attainments in teaching, but should gain all the information in regard to the best and improved modes of teaching and governing. They have other duties to perform in school besides imparting instruction; they should develop the child's faculties by teaching him to think, reason, and overcome difficulties, to feel more confidence

in himself, so that he may rely upon his own abilities to acquire knowledge rather than depend upon the teacher to do that for him which he can accomplish for himself. The child is also better able by thought and study to retain what he learns.

Teachers exert an influence both direct and indirect upon the minds of their pupils, but they should not trust entirely to the force of their example. There should be direct instruction in regard to morals and manners. In the "School Laws" we find the duty of instructors of our youth in the following words: "It shall be the duty of instructors of our youth to exert their best endeavors to impress on the minds of children and youth committed to their care and instruction the principles of piety and justice, and a sacred regard to truth; love of their country, humanity and universal benevolence; sobriety, industry, and frugality; chastity, moderation, and temperance; and those other virtues which are the ornaments of society and the basis upon which a republican constitution is founded."

There is inherent in children more of a tendency to do, and a readiness to imitate, that which is evil, rather than that which is good; therefore we feel that more instruction in morals and manners should be given in our schools. The young need moral training as much as intellectual training, and indeed more, for mere intellectual ability may be to the youth a greater power for evil.

Those principles that we desire our youth to practise in life should be implanted in them while young. No provision for the good of our public schools is more important than that which relates to the moral instruction, when we know that the good influence of our public institutions, the happiness of mankind, and the elevating social intercourse of society, depend as much upon correct morals as upon intellectual ability.

That our schools may in the future accomplish in every re-

spect what we desire them to, they need the best endeavors of teachers, parents, and all interested in them.

JOSEPH P. LOVERING, }  
OTIS F. BROWN, } School  
JONATHAN LAMSON, } Committee.

Hamilton, March, 1881.